



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January to 31 December 2020

Charity name: Donnie's Fund

Charity registration number: 1174829

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Introduction		Donnie Berenblut was born on Thursday 20 April 2017. He had Trisomy 18 and was not expected to live more than a few days or weeks. In the end, he lived 142 days, spending the entirety of his life in neonatal intensive care at University College Hospital, London. The care Donnie received was, at times, ground-breaking, creative, collaborative, compassionate, respectful and outstanding. And yet life was really very hard for his family, who spent long hours on the unit and faced uncertainty and worry at all times of day and night. Other families on the neonatal unit spoke of arduous journeys, stress and financial sacrifices. Donnie's Fund seeks to address some of these challenges: to improve the lives of families with babies in neonatal intensive care through projects that cannot be paid for from NHS budgets. The charity was founded in 2017 and this 2020 report is the charity's third Annual Report.
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote and protect good health for the public benefit by: 1. providing additional resources, equipment and training in University College Hospitals, London and other hospitals, hospices and medical facilities in England; 2. To facilitate medical research carried out in England and internationally; and 3. To create resources and raise awareness for the furtherance of understanding medical ethics.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Web-based camera system In 2018, the Trustees agreed to fund a state-of-the-art camera system to allow families to see their babies when away from the neonatal unit. There is evidence from the United States where such systems are widespread that this alleviates the logistical and emotional challenges that families face when their baby is on a neonatal unit.

		The first shipment of four neonatal cameras arrived in the UK in 2019, the result of successfully negotiating a cost-free trial period with the supplier, Angel Eye, with a small number of cameras. We worked very hard in collaboration with the neonatal clinicians on logistics, governance, engagement, training and feedback processes. Due to a combination of factors, notably a hospital-wide focus on the installation of a new electronic patient record system, the trial finally began in January 2020. Feedback from the staff and families was that the trial was exceptionally successful in demonstrating a significant positive impact on families without unduly impacting on staff. We received moving feedback from some families who were fortunate enough to benefit from the four trial cameras, which remained operational throughout 2020. We finalised our contract with the supplier, the additional 28 cameras were delivered and all the IT back-end work was concluded early in 2020. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic subsequently placed heavy demands on the entire hospital, both clinical and technical, which prevented the additional cameras going live until 1 November 2020. The 2020 accounts include small payments made for additional stands for the cameras. However, the charity was not liable for substantial costs until 2021. At the time of writing this report (autumn 2021), we can report that all 32 cameras are being used, to a significant degree, and the charity has made payments of more than £24,000 to the cameras' supplier. More information on this will of course follow in next year's Report. Charitable projects: Other During 2020, the realities of Covid interfered with our ability to support other projects which would make life easier for families with a baby on the UCLH neonatal unit, in line with our charitable objectives. For example, massages for parents on the neonatal unit were discontinued as an unnecessary breach of social distancing. We funded magazine subscriptions for the parents/family room, but other projects were not continued during the year in review. However, we can note that in 2021 massages resumed.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. This guidance is on hand whenever the Trustees meet and is referred to in particular when reviewing the organisation's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and in particular when decisions regarding spend are made.

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Donnie's Fund has no paid staff, and everything it achieves is thanks to the efforts of volunteers. We are very grateful to our many volunteers who assist us and provide their skills and expertise on a pro-bono basis, including maintaining our website. We would also like to thank our volunteer fundraisers, who took on a variety of challenges, cut their hair and sold books in searing heat and those volunteers who helped us with the practicalities around the comedy night, held in February 2020, just before the country locked down for Covid-19.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our largest fundraising initiative was our second comedy event, which was again a sell-out. Between ticket sales, sponsorship and donations, more than £35,000 was raised (before costs), £8,000 more than in 2019. Once again, we offer our enormous gratitude to comedian Rachel Creeger, our impresario and compere, whose idea this was. In total, Donnie's Fund raised more than £40,000 in the year, a small increase on 2019, despite the restrictions in place for most of 2020. With expenditure on charitable activities still very fluid, no income target was set for the year.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Web-based camera system As of 15 Jan 2021, so shortly after the end of the reporting period, the camera usage statistics from the trial of four cameras, were as follows: • 58 -- Family accounts created • 1303 -- Camera views by family members We also received moving testimonials about the impact of the cameras. One mother who was herself taken to intensive care after a difficult birth wrote: "Thanks to the AngelEye [camera system]. It gave me a reason to recover. I was unable to go to the neonatal unit because I was in intensive care, and being able to see my baby made me turn a corner and start my road to recovery."

		Another parent wrote to us to tell us that the camera system: “will give us reassurance and ease, and hopefully let us be able to sleep a little better”. Charitable projects: Other Our massage therapy sessions for parents began in February 2020. Only 5 sessions proved possible before Covid closed down the programme. In those sessions, 27 parents benefited from massages. Feedback forms consistently gave the sessions maximum marks and comments included: “Gave me time to relax and breathe” and “Seeing Chris gives me the mental strength to carry on and be positive at this stressful time”. The massages programme restarted on 10 May 2021.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During 2020, Donnie's Fund raised a total of £40,623. Fundraising costs were slightly increased, at £8,245. With the advent of significant spend on charitable activities delayed until 2021, in line with the wait for the cameras to be activated, £1,864 was spent on charitable activities. Donnie's Fund ended 2020 with £113,694 in funds. At the 2020 Annual General Meeting, the Trustees reviewed the financial position and looked ahead at fundraising plans for the next year. In view of the ongoing enforced delay in spending charitable funds, the Trustees passed a motion agreeing that the charity would hold back from significant fundraising for the present.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees agreed to work towards: • Holding sufficient funds to guarantee the continued funding of the camera project for three financial years. • holding reserves of £10,000 to fund shortfalls in income when income does not reach expected levels. The remaining general funds are held in an accessible current account as unrestricted funds which may be used generally to further the Donnie's Fund objectives.

		The Trustees will assess the need for investment periodically, including at the AGM. Any funds invested will be in schemes marketed as 'low risk'.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Our reserves at 31 December 2020 were £113,694.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees were appointed to four-year terms at the inception of the charity. Methods for selection of replacement Trustees are to be decided.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Donnie's Fund
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1174829
Charity's principal address	58 Broadfields Ave, Edgware, Middx HA8 8SW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Marcel Berenblut	Chair		
2	Ruth Berenblut			
3	Ian Pearl			
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Marcel Ellis Berenblut	Ian Pearl
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	29 October 2021	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Donnie's Fund

**On accounts for the
period**

1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1174829

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

29th October 2021

Name:

Rachel Cooper

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Welbeck

29 Welbeck Avenue

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2020	To	Period end date 31/12/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General donations	1,174	-	-	1,174	1,708
Comedy night	31,822	3,000	-	34,822	27,289
Community fundraisers	4,600	-	-	4,600	5,752
Royal Parks Half	-	-	-	-	3,214
Corporate fundraising	27	-	-	27	600
Card sales	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,623	3,000	-	40,623	38,563
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,623	3,000	-	40,623	38,563
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities	1,864	-	-	1,864	7,655
General fundraising costs	466	-	-	466	308
Greeting cards	-	-	-	-	192
Royal Parks Half costs	-	-	-	-	152
Comedy night costs	2,792	3,000	-	5,792	357
Fees to Virgin Money Giving	123	-	-	123	188
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,245	3,000	-	8,245	8,852
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,245	3,000	-	8,245	8,852
Net of receipts/(payments)	32,378	-	-	32,378	29,711
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	81,316	-	-	81,316	51,605
Cash funds this year end	113,694	-	-	113,694	81,316

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	113,694	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	113,694	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Marcel Berenblut	29-Oct-21	



Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2020	To
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